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Re: *U.S. Application Serial No. 09/975,474 filed October 11, 2001, entitled: "ESRP Enhancements" (Our Ref. ONF100/4-CONUS)*

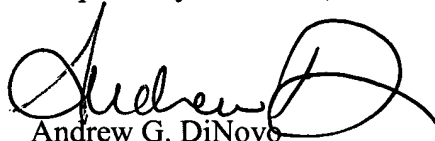
Dear Sirs:

Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced application are:

1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Applications;
3. Check in the amount of \$65; and
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Paul Niezgoda, et al.

Serial No.: 09/975,474

Filed: October 9, 2001

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ON-LINE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
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Group Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: ONF100/4-1CONUS

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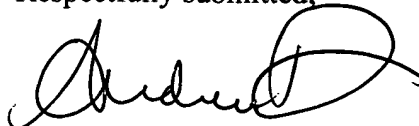
Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated November 13, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, attached is a copy of the Declaration filed in the priority patent Application Serial No. 09/952,284 filed September 12, 2001, which was incorporated by reference.

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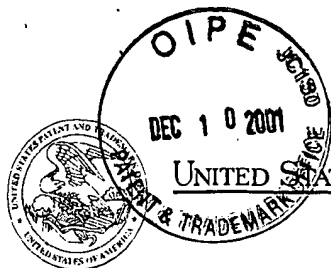


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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- Abstract must be on a separate sheet.

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